

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendment prior to the examination on the merits of the instant application. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the pending application or this preliminary amendment, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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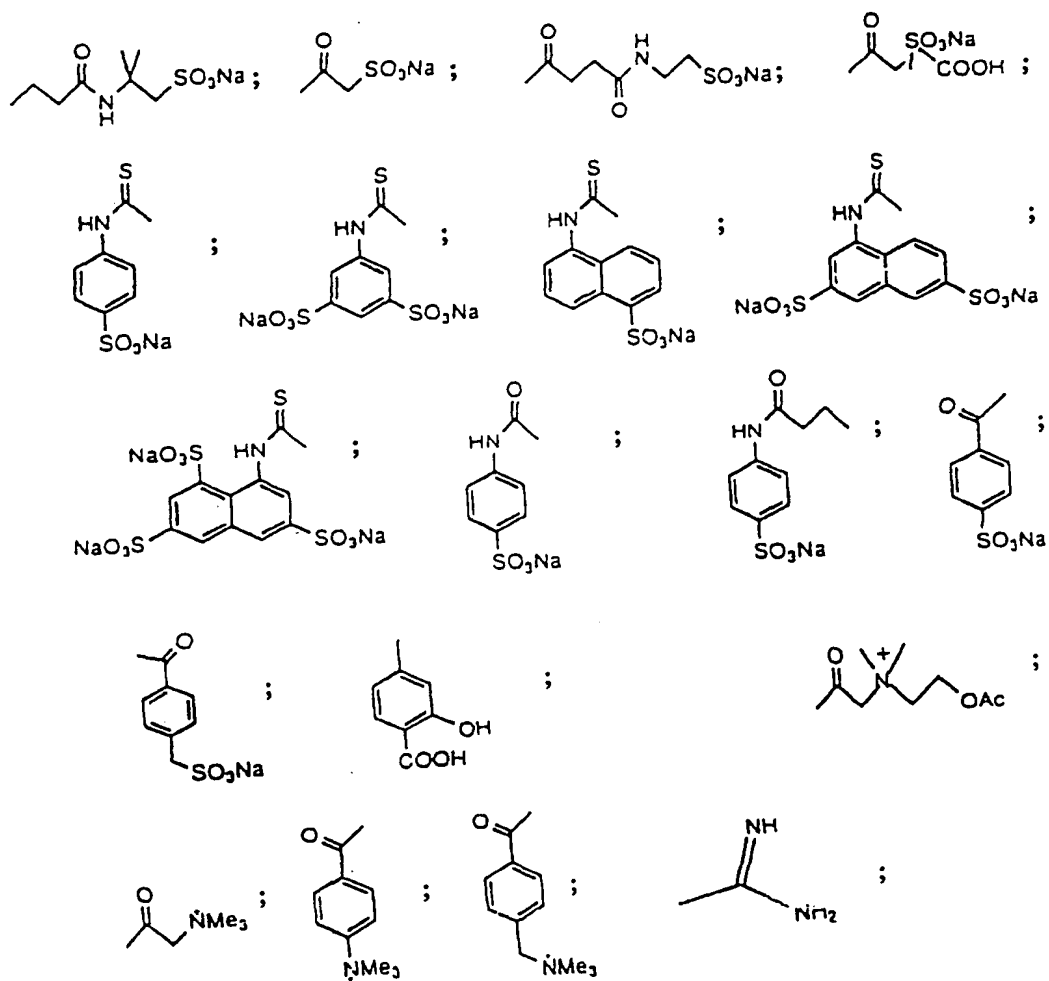
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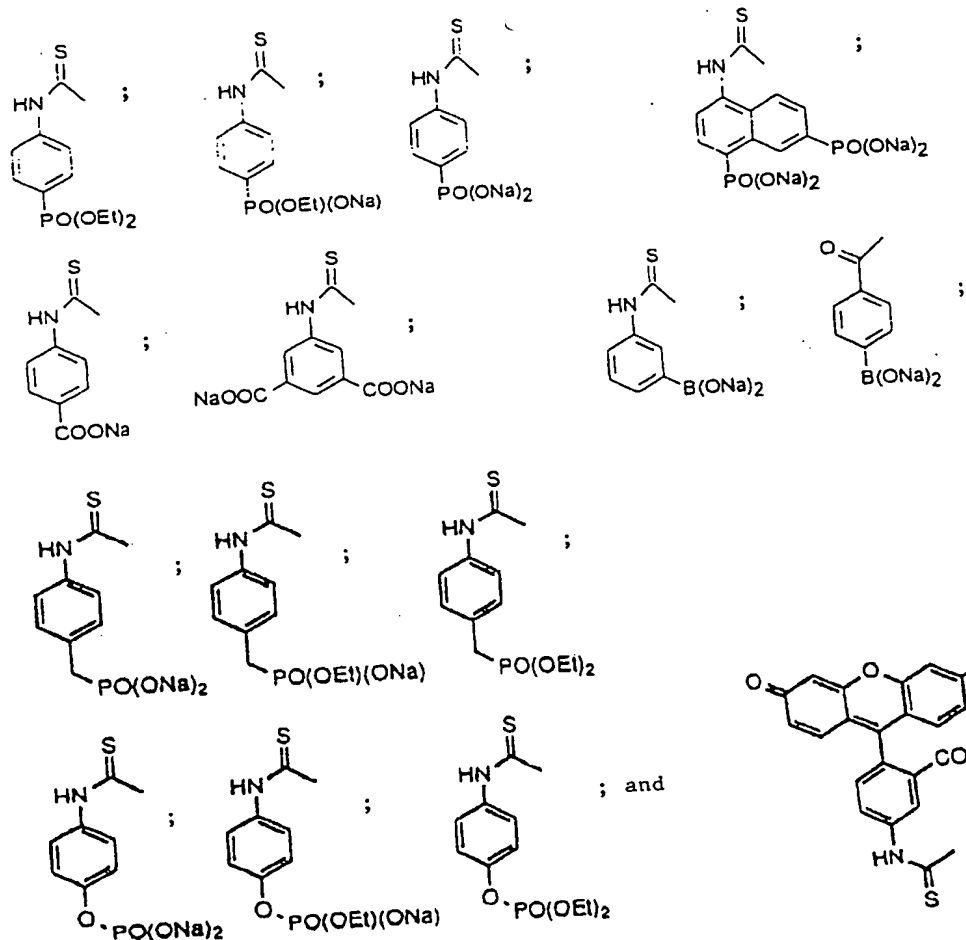
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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

31. (Amended) The antiviral compound according to claim 17, wherein said anionic-containing moiety is selected from the group consisting of:

- Ar(SO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>n1</sub>;
- ArX<sup>1</sup>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>;
- (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub><sup>+</sup>NMe<sub>3</sub>;
- Ar(N<sup>+</sup>Me<sub>3</sub>)<sub>n1</sub>;
- Ar(CH<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>Me<sub>3</sub>)<sub>n1</sub>;
- ArX<sup>2</sup>P(=O)(OR)<sub>2</sub>;
- ArX<sup>2</sup>P(=O)(OR)(NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>1</sup>);
- Ar[P(=O)(OR)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>n1</sub>;
- Ar[B(OH)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>n1</sub>;
- Ar[COOH]<sub>n2</sub>;





wherein n is zero or a positive integer;  
 wherein n1 is 1, 2 or 3;  
 wherein n2 is 2 or 3;  
 wherein R is alkyl, aryl, H or Na;  
 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is alkyl or aryl;  
 wherein X<sup>1</sup> is O, S, or NH; and  
 wherein X<sup>2</sup> is O, CH<sub>2</sub>, CHF, or CF<sub>2</sub>.